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workload detected by said overall-workload detection unit, in such a manner that print data, which represents at least one of images and characters to be printed, is applied to each of the plurality of printers, and each printer of the plurality of printers prints at least one of images and characters the number of sheets whereof conforms to a number of prints.

5. (Amended) A multiple-printer control method for controlling a plurality of printers, comprising the steps of:

detecting processing capability of each of the plurality of printers;

detecting overall workload of printing to be performed using the plurality of printers;

and

performing control on the basis of the detected print processing capabilities and overall workload in such a manner that print data, which represents at least one of the images and characters to be printed, is applied to each of the plurality of printers, and each printer of the plurality of printers prints at least one of images and characters the number of sheets whereof conforms to a number of prints.